Sl. No.	Name	No. of shares sold (in crores)	Amount of sale (Rs. in crores)
1	2	3	4
13	Neyveli Lignite Corpn. Ltd.	3.26	70.43
14	Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd.	1.02	30.36
15	State Trading Corpn. of India Ltd.	0.05	2.25
16	Steel Authority of India Ltd.	21.99	700.09
		44.94	1912.51

Considering HMT as a sick unit

67. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Machine Tools is being considered as a sick unit in the near future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The net worth of HMT Limited as on March 31, 1993 was Rs. 246 crores.

Voluntary retirement scheme in HMT

68. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangalore-based public sector unit, HMT, had introduced a voluntary retirement scheme last year; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and the reaction of the employees of the HMT thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In October, 1992, HMT introduced a Voluntary Retirement Scheme in the Company. The scheme is based on the guidelines issued by the Department of Public Enterprises and and covers HMT employees in all the units. 940 employees have opted for Voluntary Retirement Scheme till October 1993.

Industrially backward districts in the country

69. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the industrially backward districts in the country, State-wise and district-wise; and

(b) the progress made in respect of industrialisation of these districts during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) A statement containing the list of the industrially backward districts is enclosed (*See* below).

(b) With the liberalisation of industrial policy, the initiative of industrialisation of an area has been left to the State Governments and private entrepreneurs. The Central Government supplement their efforts wherever possible.